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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LINES OMMITTED PARAS 4 & 5)

DEPT PASS TO SECDEF AND USAF

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, EG, SA, TC, US, KU  
SUBJECT: C-130'S FOR EGYPT

REF: (A) CAIRO 9307 (PARA 3), (B) USDAO CAIRO 10276  
- (071213Z APR 78)

1. IN MEETING WITH GAMASY LAST EVENING, AMBASSADOR  
RAISED AMONG OTHER THINGS MATTER OF C-130'S. ALLUDING  
TO HIS MARCH 20 LETTER SETTING FORTH THREE OPTIONS,  
AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN  
RECEIVED. ABSENCE OF A REPLY MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR  
US TO PLAN. WE HAD BEEN RECEIVING FREQUENT MESSAGES  
FROM INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES ASKING WHEN GOE  
DECISION LIKELY TO BE MADE. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF GAMASY  
WAS IN POSITION TO GIVE A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE.

2. GAMASY APOLOGIZED FOR HIS FAILURE TO RESPOND EARLIER,  
NOTING THAT HE HAD BEEN BUSY WITH OTHER MATTERS. HE THEN  
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SAID THAT GOE PREFERENCE IS FOR THE OPTION WHICH PERMITS  
EIGHT C-130 AIRCRAFT TO BE DELIVERED THIS YEAR. THIS,  
AS HE UNDERSTOOD COST FIGURES, WOULD MEAN PAYMENTS  
TOTTALLING \$142 MILLION IN 1978 AND APPROXIMATELY \$78  
MILLION OVER NEXT TWO YEARS. GAMASY INDICATED THAT THIS  
PREFERRED OPTION DEPENDS UPON WHETHER USAF AND LOCKHEED  
BELIEVE EIGHT C-130'S CAN BE DELIVERED IN CY-78.

3. IF THERE IS ANY DIFFICULTY, GAMASY CONTINUED, OR IF THIS OPTION MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO PRESENT PROPER CERTIFICATES OF QUALITY CONTROL, THEN THE ALTERNATIVE INVOLVING DELIVERY OF FOUR C-130 AIRCRAFT THIS YEAR IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. GAMASY SAID HE LEAVES IT TO USAF TO DECIDE. HE ASKED THAT USAF MAKE ITS DECISION BEARING IN MIND GOE'S DESIRE OBTAIN AS MANY C-130 AIRCRAFT AS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR. HE ASKED THAT WE LET HIM KNOW USAF'S VIEW ASAP.

5. GAMASY MADE NO REFERENCE TO FINANCING PROBLEMS AND, SINCE WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT THE KAISSOUNI/ GAMASY CONTRETEMPS, I DID NOT RAISE THE MATTER. HE SEEMED CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE. NOR DID GAMASY MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO REPORTED EAF CONCERN THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF TRAINED PERSONNEL MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT IF SOME WERE RECEIVED THIS SUMMER. IN EXPRESSING PREFERENCE FOR OPTION CALLING FOR EIGHT AIRCRAFT TO BE DELIVERED THIS YEAR, GAMASY CLEARLY REFLECTED BOTH SADAT'S AND VP MUBARAK'S WISHES AS WELL AS HIS OWN. EILTS

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